

The present invention provides a communication system that can efficiently and accurately manage various devices on a network. According to the present invention, a local device performs a user authentication process by using user information (a user ID and a password) that is input at an operation unit and information that was registered in advance. The local device then transmits, to a remote device, the input user information together with an operating request that is issued to the remote device by the user. The remote device then performs the user authentication process by using the user information received from the local device and the information that was registered in advance.

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